Coastal Thermal Power Plant in Kerala

2611. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up coastal thermal power plants in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any locations have been chosen therefor; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATl SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) Project feasibility reports in respect of coal-based power stations at Kayamkulam (2x210 M!W) and at Trikaripur (2x210 MW)—envisaging transportation of coal through coastal shipping—were received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) in August, 1987 and November, 1987 respectively. The estimated cost of the proposed station at Kayamkulam is Rs. 584.81 crores and of the Trikaripur station Rs. 669 crores.

The proposal in respect of a thermal power station at Kayamkulam has been techno-economically appraised by the CEA, subject to confirmation of this availability of water, clearance from the environmental angle being obtained by the KSEB and finalisation of logistics of coal transportation with the railways/ ports authorities. The proposal in regard to a thermal power station at Trikaripur could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the statutory requirements, as per Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, have been complied with by the KSEB, necessary inputs such as coal linkage, including transportation arrangements, and availability of water etc., have been tied up and requisite clearances have become available.

Ettumanur Telephone Exchange

2612. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not converting the Ettumanur telephone exchange in Kottayam district of Kerala into an automatic exchange;

(b) whether the growing list of applicants includes accrediated press correspondents waiting since 1983 for telephone connections at Ettumanur; and

(c) by when the exchange is likely to be expanded and the existing list of applicants at Ettumanur exhausted and by when this exchange is to be connected with STD network?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) For conversion of manual exchange at Ettumanur into automatic exchange equipment is required. The equipment supply is expected by end of 1989.

(b) At present NIL.

(c) The present manual exchange is planned for expansion during 1988-89. The provision of STD facility will be considered after the automatisa-tion of the manual exchange which is planned during 1990-91.

Sample testing of Coal

2613. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to utilise the expertise of CFRI in Resource quality Assessment, Washing, Carbonisation, Combustion, Gassification, Briquetting and Pollution monitoring;

(b) what are the reasons that the Coal India Limited gets their samples